



## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 - 7:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall  
567 El Camino Real  
San Bruno, CA 94066

## MINUTES

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

#### A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(Chair) Mark Howard	X	
Eric Wood (Vice-Chair)	X	
Tom Hamilton		X
Doris Maez	X	
Sol Weiner	X	

#### Staff in Attendance:

Klara Fabry, Public Services Director  
Steve Davis, Public Works Department  
Frans Lind, Public Works Department  
Matt Campi, Police Department  
George Devendorf, Fire Department  
Rico Medina, City Council Liaison

Public in Attendance Total: 5

### 2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mark Howard recommended moving Item 5B to the beginning of the agenda for the benefit of members of the public.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On page 4 of 6, paragraph 4, Commander Campi asked to amend the statement "Commander Campi stated the Police Department does not have the enforcement capabilities to monitor this area, so there would be definite impact on the Police Department if this is approved" to "Commander Campi stated the Police Department does not have the area in question, 1197 San Mateo Avenue, on a specific parking enforcement route, thus it would have an impact on the Police Department. However, the Police Department would make every effort to enforce it." Approval of the minutes as amended for the March 4, 2009 meeting made by Mark Howard, second by Sol Weiner. (M/Howard, S/Weiner: 3-0-0) Approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Cristina Ugaitafa, 4 Scott St. #1, stated kids are skateboarding off the edge of the raised parking structure at the end of Scott Street and they land in the street. This is a safety issue. Commander Campi clarified that this is occurring between the Target parking structure adjacent to Huntington Avenue and BART. It is actually on BART's property and the San Bruno Police Department is aware of the problem and is working with BART to correct it.

**5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration of options to mitigate substandard clear sight distance at intersections on San Antonio Avenue from San Felipe to Santa Helena (continued from March 4, 2009)**

Steve Davis stated this is a continuation of the discussion regarding clear sight distance obstructions on San Antonio Avenue's "T" intersections from San Felipe to Santa Helena. The TSPC has evaluated various options to mitigate this problem and at the March 4, 2009 meeting were considering installation of one three way stop to try and create improved visibility for vehicles at the intersection that had the highest need. The TSPC asked City staff to look at the topography and accident history and come back with a recommendation. Regarding terrain, City staff went out to each intersection location and noted that San Antonio has no horizontal bends in the roadway. Staff then reviewed if there were vertical obstructions in grade that could contribute to visibility problems, but no specific intersection had notable changes in grade that would point to a specific intersection that would be best suited for stop sign installation. Staff had previously reported that there were five accidents in this area, but there were not specific details regarding each accident. Staff has broken down specific information with the help of the Police Department, and there is not a specific accident of the five that was attributable to clear sight distance or right of way issues. Staff has noted that even though parking is not allowed at the returns of the intersection, residents are still parking there. Painting the curb returns red may be the reminder needed and could improve clear sight distance and safety. Staff cannot recommend any more action based on the study findings.

Eric Wood asked if the TSPC has already recommended painting the curbs red. Steve Davis responded that has not yet been recommended. The TSPC does not need to act on this staff recommendation; it could be performed as part of City maintenance. There would be no loss of parking spaces, as these curb returns are not parking spaces.

Sol Weiner recommended moving red zones back on San Antonio so that drivers have a clearer picture of vehicles coming down the side streets. There was a lot of parking on San Antonio available during the day.

Doris Maez asked if the TSPC had previously discussed painting lane lines to narrow the street visually. Eric Wood responded the discussion had been about street repaving, not painting lane lines. Doris asked about lowering the speed limit to 25 mph.

Steve Davis stated northbound there is an 11.5 foot lane and southbound a 10.5 foot lane on San Antonio. 12 feet is the standard lane width, so these lanes are already below the standard. In order to lower the speed limit, an engineering study would have to be performed.

Mark Howard stated if the critical speed came down to 25, then motorized scooters could have a legal viable alternative, which they do not have at this time. It would take some effort to get the critical speed down.

Doris Maez asked what could be done to make this a legal route for motorized scooters. Klara Fabry stated that San Antonio is now a designated bike route. Mark Howard stated a Class 2 bicycle lane would have to be installed for it to be legal for motorized scooters.

Steve Davis stated the long-term intent is to include this street in the County's Bay Trail Bicycle Route that currently comes up to San Bruno Avenue from South San Francisco. The advantage to this

location is that the east side of the street does not have driveway access, but this property belongs to the SF Public Utilities Commission. This will have to be approved by them and installation will hopefully come from grant funding. The first step is to design a preferred route for the trail as part of the bike route, and then the next steps will be longer term, which includes obtaining grants for installation.

Doris Maez confirmed that at this time, there is no set plan for the trail as part of the bike route. Steve Davis confirmed this.

Mark Howard stated there are many grants that would apply to this project due to its proximity to schools and public transportation. We need to mitigate the critical speed before City staff goes in to evaluate the speed reduction in order to get it re-zoned for 25 mph.

Sol Weiner recommended meeting in the future with the Bike and Pedestrian Committee to review items like this to get feedback and work together.

Eric Wood stated the staff report layout worked really well and he would like to see future staff reports organized the same way.

No action for the TSPC to take, so no motion was made.

- B. Consideration of new parking restrictions at the intersections of Huntington Avenue, East at Pacific and Scott Avenues and Bayshore Circle, South and Huntington Avenue, East-Bay Shore Circle, North at Atlantic Avenue

Frans Lind stated the San Bruno Fire Department has requested that a single parking space be painted red "no parking" at each intersection corner of the locations noted due to especially difficult maneuvering of fire and emergency apparatus on these streets. Five of the parking spaces out of the fourteen proposed red curb "no parking" spaces already are restricted either by existing driveways or existing red zones, such as at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue with Huntington Avenue East. There is also a fire hydrant on one of the corners, which does not have red curbing in front of it, but City ordinance does not allow parking within 15 feet of a hydrant.

There is a high demand for parking on the streets. Frans received two phone calls regarding this proposal from residents complaining about the lack of parking in this neighborhood, but the callers also stated many of these residences rent out rooms to multiple people, which brings more vehicles and an even higher demand for parking.

George Devendorf, Fire Marshall for the City of San Bruno, stated this issue was brought forward by a San Bruno Fire Captain as a request to improve safety response to the noted intersections. Ideally, the Fire Department would like to remove three parking spaces off each corner, but due to parking restrictions in the designated neighborhood, the request is for one parking space at each intersection corner. The majority of calls are actually paramedic calls where minutes count and many times San Bruno Fire receives support from other Fire Departments, such as Millbrae and South San Francisco, and they may not be familiar with the best access routes in an emergency.

Doris Maez asked if removal of one parking space would be truly beneficial, as there will still be a lot of back and forth movement of the Fire trucks in order to turn. The intersection of Huntington and Bayshore Circle South is a real challenge. George Devendorf responded that it will help the turning radius and also improve visibility, so it will be beneficial.

Sol Weiner stated there should be established parking standards in the City, and the responsibility of the City is the safety of the public over parking complaints.

Doris Maez asked how supporting Fire Departments from other cities decide on the routes to take to an emergency call. George Devendorf stated the entire county has grid maps that are used to assess the best route to an emergency call. Doris Maez asked if there are street measurements on the grid maps. George Devendorf responded there are not, it is only visual.

Mark Howard stated this is an important issue that will need to be reviewed Citywide and ordinances need to be developed regarding closing out the curb gap to less than the 18 inches allowed. If there were a fire emergency and people needed to evacuate, two vehicles cannot pass each other on those streets. He stated that in the future, the City will have to figure out the minimum street clearance for emergency vehicles and design a way to accommodate that.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED**

Shiri Kumar, 1250 Huntington, asked how much red curbing will be installed from each corner. Frans Lind responded that there will be 20 feet of red curbing painted from each corner. Mr. Kumar asked if the electrical post at Pacific and Huntington will be moved. Frans Lind responded that it would not be moved. Mr. Kumar stated that the garbage trucks have a hard time making the turns as well.

Siri Tulsi, 39 Tanforan Avenue, stated he parks on one side of the street on the border of San Bruno and South San Francisco. How can he get more parking? Mark Howard responded that the opposite side of the street with "no parking" belongs to South San Francisco. Steve Davis stated City staff can contact the City of South San Francisco regarding this issue.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED**

Eric Wood asked for clarification of the streets that are to be red curbed. Frans responded that the proposal is to paint 20 feet of red curbing at each side street intersection of Huntington Avenue, along Huntington Avenue approaching each corner of the intersection, and 20 feet going in on Atlantic, Pacific, Scott, and Bayshore Circle South. We added Huntington Avenue East at Bayshore Circle South that is not listed on the diagram.

Eric Wood asked if 20 or 40 feet will be painted at Bayshore Circle South. Frans responded that there is an existing 12-foot wide driveway and hydrant near the corner of the location. 20 feet will be added to the other side of the corner along Bayshore Circle South. Steve Davis stated he believes there is no red curbing currently painted in front of the fire hydrant, so regardless of the hydrant, the City will be painting 20 feet of red curbing.

Mark Howard asked for the net number of parking spaces lost with the red curbing recommended. Frans responded there would be nine parking spaces lost.

Eric Wood confirmed there is no parking along Huntington Avenue west. Frans confirmed this.

Motion to accept the staff recommendation made by Eric Wood and second by Mark Howard (M/Wood, S/Howard: 4-0-0) Approved.

#### **6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Doris Maez, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee representative, stated she did not attend the last month's meeting, so there is nothing to report.

#### **7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Doris Maez asked where City staff is with outstanding issues. Steve Davis responded most of the outstanding issues are parking related and City staff is now in the process of reviewing City policy in reference to these requests, such as green curbs. The intent is to come back to the TSPC in June with the information and the July meeting can be a working session to try and get a consensus that can be presented to the City Council. Once there is a direction with City policy, then staff and the TSPC can address the parking issues. The safety related traffic issues continue to be addressed.

City Council Liaison Rico Medina asked if San Antonio was 25 mph at one point. Commander Campi confirmed that it was 25 mph at one point going northbound and 30 mph going southbound and then three years ago City staff performed a speed survey to this street and corrected the signs to 30 mph both directions.

Klara Fabry wanted to mention that the Grade Separation Project will probably begin in the middle of next year, so it might be better to delay any extensive work in the Huntington/San Antonio area until after the Grade Separation is in place and staff can reassess traffic concerns.

Doris Maez responded that an acquaintance that is familiar with the Grade Separation Project and has engineering knowledge stated there is a curve in the design that will cause a problem for the high-speed rail and should be reviewed again.

**8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF –**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until its next regular scheduled meeting on June 3, 2009 at 7 p.m.

(M/Howard, S/Weiner): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 8:30 pm.